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## THE NEWSLETTER

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### **LAKE MISSION VIEJO YACHT CLUB**

Member SCYA

Member AOCYC



LMVYC 's Willi Hugelshofer sailing his Finn at the Olympic Class Regatta at Alamitos Bay, Long Beach.

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### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The first **Spring Regatta** will be sailed on **April 17**. If you did not sail on Opening Day be sure you sign up for the Club Racing Series on April 17 before the race. The second race of the series is the **Spring Regatta 1**. The Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions for the series will be available. **Spring Regatta 11** will be sailed on **May 22**. And remember **Lake Safety Day is June 11**. And for safety on the Lake; simple rules worth repeating.

- Port keeps clear of starboard
- Windward keeps clear of leeward.
- Avoid collisions
- The boat astern keeps clear of the boat ahead.
- A boat tacking keeps clear of a boat that is not.
- The inside boat (s) at 2 lengths from the mark is entitled to room to round the mark.
- If you have violated one, take a penalty

### Sailing Schedule

Midwinter Regatta	February 19/20
Opening Day Regatta	March 20
LMVYC Invitational	April 2
Sunset sailing begins	April 6
Spring Regatta 1	April 17
Spring Regatta 11	May 22
Lake Safety Day	June 11
Summer Regatta	June 26
Friday Night Sunset Sail	July 15
Friday Night Sunset Sail	August 5
Annual Regatta	August 21
Fall Regatta	September 25
LMVYC Invitational	October 12
Sunset sailing ends	October 13
Top Skippers Championship	October 23
LMVYC Annual Meeting	November 9
Turkey Regatta	November 2
Christmas Parade	December 10
Installation Dinner	January 14, 2006

### Yacht Club Reciprocity for 2005

The following Yacht Clubs have extended reciprocal privileges to the members of LMVYC for the year 2005. If you visit be sure to have your current LMVYC membership card with you and sign in at the front desk. Not all clubs have food and/or beverage service and those that do may only offer bar and/or restaurant service on weekends. Calling ahead to find out when they're open is a good idea. Check out the bulletin board in the Club Room for additions to the list which may have come in after this was printed.

American Legion YC	949 - 673-5070
Anacapa Yacht Club	805 - 984-0211
Balboa Yacht Club	949 - 673-3515
Corsair Yacht Club	908 - 803-1343
Cortez Racing Assoc.	619 - 685-7717
Huntington Harbor YC	562 - 592-2186
Lido Isle Yacht Club	949 - 673-5119
Hollywood Yacht Club	310 - 326- 4553
Pierpoint Yacht Club	805 - 644- 6672
Sea Gate Yacht Club	714 - 840-8049
South Shore YC	949 - 646-3102
Sunset Aquatic YC	<a href="http://www.sayc.org">www.sayc.org</a>
Westlake Yacht Club	818 - 889-4820

### From the Editor:

I think it's time for us all to relax and settle down into our sailing season. The Opening Day and the Spring Invitational Regattas are over and now that the visitors are gone for a while it's just us, "family". All our visitors were made to feel welcome and the "Briny Bunch" from BYC at the Invitational was delighted to sail on the Lake and thought it a perfect sailing area for sabots. The regattas were expertly run by handled by our Race Committee, which for the Invitational was manned by the Finn racers and new member Steve Silva. The dinners afterwards were smoothly handled by Fleet Surgeon Chairs, Annmarie and Chuck Seymour. Talk about being serene on the surface and paddling like you know what under the water! Both events were great fun and the good times continue with the **Chili Cook-Off this Sunday, April 17**. You've all received Chuck and Annmarie's email, so dig out those recipes you've been meaning to try, and go for it. Remember the chili pots and

casseroles can be anonymous; that is unless you win! And then you can modestly accept the acclaim and a small token of esteem from the Club. This is always one of the top events of the year, **SO THIS YEAR PLAN TO BE A PARTICIPANT**. Email or call Annmarie.

Her number is listed on p. 2.

### LOCKER ROOM

V/C Vivienne Savage and Len Savage who are taking care of our merchandise inventory tell me we have lots of LMVYC logo goodies for sale: Tee Shirts, Sweat Shirts, Polo Shirts, all vintages and assorted sizes; Visors, Mugs, and Club Burgees. They will be on display and for sale on Sunday, April 17 at the Chili Cook – Off. This way you can be sure to go home with a clean tee shirt after all that sampling of great chili. Len promises good prices and what better way to support and show our pride in our Club.



Invitational Race Committee PRO Willi Hugelshofer and Lido Invitational winners Arnold & Susan Christensen with Commodore Fon Koot.

See the web page for other pictures from the Invitational on April 2.

## FROM THE STARTING LINE

Rear Commodore Tony Musolino, last year's Race Committee Chair wraps up last year's racing for us.

## 2004 FLEET CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

From Opening Day last March through the Turkey Regatta in November, we completed, as planned, seven regattas- three races per Regatta - twenty one races overall! Lots of exciting racing transpired beginning with that bright sunny March day through a very unseasonably cold and wintry day in late November.

The regatta turnouts were remarkably high. Considering the fact that we have approximately twenty-four boats in the combined fleets, on average, 70% of our fleet skippers competed in the regattas throughout the entire Series. There were four skippers and crew who did not miss a beat by competing in all seven regattas (100%); they were closely followed by six more who completed six regattas (86%), a great showing of enthusiasm for racing on Lake Mission Viejo.

Again, we are grateful to Susanna & Willi Hugelshofer, and Roger Robison, for their tireless efforts in compiling and posting race results and fleet standings throughout the season, a mark of professionalism, which leaves little if any room for improvement. We could not be more fortunate.

A report on the Awards and Recognitions presented at the Officers Installation and Awards Dinner on January 23, 2005:

### ONE DESIGN CLASS

**Thistle** .....1st Place & Perpetual Trophy: Roger/Tara Robison

**Lido 14** .....1st Place & Perpetual Trophy:  
Rod/Audrey Simenz: 2nd Place, Doug Sheppard / Donna Freeman.

**Capri 14.2.** 1st Place & Perpetual Trophy:  
Randy/Norma Tiffany,

\*2nd Place: Robert Van Pelt/Frank Fournier. \*Award presentation deferred due to Robert's absence

**A FLEET** ... 1st Place & Perpetual Trophy: Horst Weiler/Graham Newman (C-15)

**B FLEET** .....1st Place & Perpetual Trophy:  
Arnold/Susan Christensen (Lido 14), 2nd Place:  
Allyn/Sue Edwards (Capri 14.2) 3rd Place;  
Jack/Cecilia McCollum (Capri 14.2)

**C FLEET** ....1st Place & Perpetual Trophy: Ced Field (Condor)

Congratulations to all and best wishes to the entire Fleet, Skippers and Crew for another exciting sailing season in 2005.

## SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARDS

Chuck & Brendan Seymour – father and son Lido sailors for their Perseverance – Pride – Patience throughout the Series! What a surprise for Chuck and Brendan who both were present for this special award. We are hopeful that they keep at it and help spark more interest in Adult-Junior Sailor pairings.

On a related basis,

### JUNIOR SAILOR RECOGNITIONS:

During the year, some of our Juniors have crewed for family and other Club members at the Wednesday Night sunset sails and the Fleet Championship Series Regattas, namely, Tetsuya Kashimura, Ataya Seyhun, Katie McCollum, Adam Lawicki, and Brendan Seymour.

Through sponsorship from the Lake Mission Viejo Association, North Sails One Design, Ullman Sails and Catalina Yachts, a collection of nautical items, i.e. Logo Caps, T-Shirts, and a very special book on sailing by the American Sailing Association, titled "Let's Go Sailing" were presented to the attending parents/grandparent/club members. With the exception of Brendan, the other Juniors were not present. The recognitions were a great tribute to these youngsters and we are looking forward to seeing them and hopefully more of their peers out on the lake this forthcoming season.

Capping off the Awards and Special Recognitions, Commodore Rick Quick highlighted the Race Committee's accomplishments and recognized Race Chair Tony Musolino, with some highly commendable remarks and presentation of a very special gift. When you see Tony out and about sporting an outdoor jacket with "LMVYC Race Chair 2004" embroidery, you will be able to connect.

Thanks to all of you.



NEWPORT TO ENSENADA YACHT RACE – April

22- 24, 2005

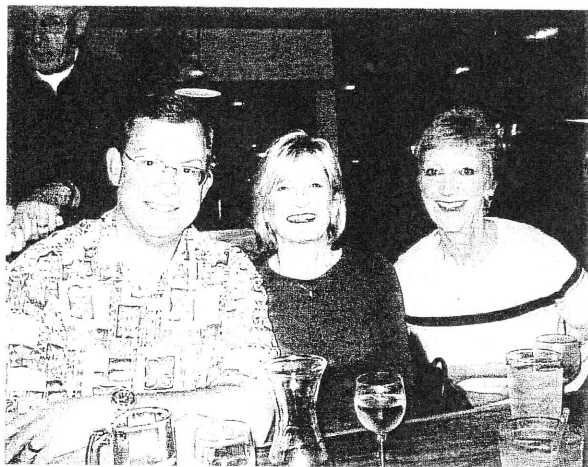
In the middle of February, five of our Club members volunteered to help out at the at the "Stuffing Party" which was held at Bahia Corinthian Yacht Club. This entailed stuffing of Race Packet Materials for mass mailing of the Notice of Race and other pertinent racing materials to several hundred prospective sailors. Joining with several other SCYA Member Club volunteers, in a matter of a few hours, the job was done. Once again, it was gratifying and fun. By my best estimate, about fifty volunteers from several different local Yacht Clubs made up the task force to support the Newport Ocean Sailing Association (NOSA) for this 58th Annual event.

The quintet from LMVYC... Commodore Fon Koot, Vice Commodore Vivienne Savage and spouse Leonard, Treasurer Willi Hugelshofer, and Rear Commodore Tony Musolino.

NOSA Commodore Paul DeCapua, Rear Commodore David Garcia and significant others were all there to join in a common effort to support this major 58th annual event.

R/C Tony Musolino

And on April 22 several LMVYC members will once again help check in boats on their way to the starting lines. (ed)



SOME OF THE PIZZA REGULARS AT  
A FAREWELL GET TOGETHER FOR  
THE KALTENBACHS, WHO HAVE  
MOVED TO ARIZONA>

## LMVYC MEMBER DOWN UNDER

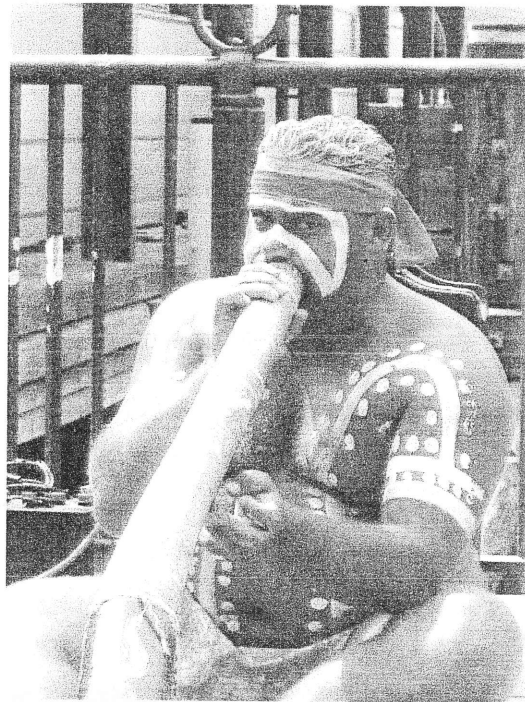
Robert VanPelt

One of the advantages of heading down under in the winter is that you are able to repeat summer and avoid the torrential rains which beset California in January and February. Of course your roof still leaks while you are gone, but at least it is not on your mind, nor causing you any anxiety as the water is dripping down on your (formerly) all white sofa.

Sunny weather was also a factor on this trip as my plans called for camping out in New Zealand's many varied national parks in order to avoid any needless treks back to town in search of an over priced hotel. After an endless flight to Auckland coupled with a 24 hour time change, my journey started out rather precariously in a right hand drive Toyota Echo. The only redeeming quality of this vehicle was that is capable of 40 MPG, which is a factor when you are paying close to \$4 per gallon.

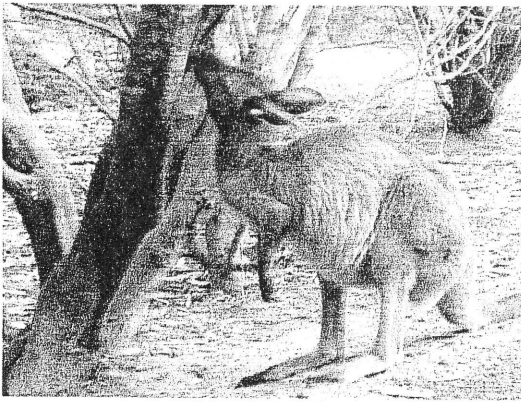
My first stop was at the Waitomo glow worm caves on the North Island. These little worms cling to the top of the dark inner areas of moist caves in order to attract and capture flying insects in their spider like webs. In the dark they look like thousands of motionless fire flies. After leaving the caves I drove further south to camp in Tongariro National Park which was used extensively as a backdrop in the Lord of the Rings motion picture series. The scenery in this region was quit spectacular combining volcanic areas with a lush green jungle, snow capped mountains and an expansive desert plateau all within a day's drive. The amazing thing was that there were surprisingly few people around. I think they were all back in town searching for a hotel room, while I was free to catalog the amazing assortment of beetles and flying insects that persisted in climbing up the side of my tent. At night the birds sounded like the sound effects from a Rama in the Jungle movie.

After several days of this I decided to drive towards Wellington, the national capital, and board the ferry to New Zealand's famed south island. I was advised to journey to the Southern Alps, which I did, and to spend some time at Abel Tasman National Park. This park was amazing, as the inner most regions are only accessible by boat, preferably kayak, or on foot. The water was a bright aqua blue color with red sand and lush tropical green foliage. I started to ask myself, "why go anywhere else?" Reality did eventually set in as I did have a plane to catch like we all inevitably do. However, I have promised myself a return trip to this area as soon as time permits.



My next stop was Melbourne, Australia which was only three hours by air. The scenery was quite different from New Zealand, looking very much like California. The city itself reminded me of Los Angeles in the 1950's, with quaint little trolleys and the clanging of bells as they made their way through town at a pace reminiscent of yesteryear. After several days I decided to rent a car and head up north to the outback to visit an old high school buddy who moved to Broken Hill, NSW in 1972. I

divided the 500 mile trip into 2 days as I wanted to take in the sights and avoid hitting a kangaroo at night. The gray kangaroos are nocturnal and are quite large enough to cause some serious damage to a little Toyota at 70 miles per hour. The locals all have brush guards and reinforced bumpers by necessity rather being a fashion statement like you encounter here in Orange County. I did eventually make it to Broken Hill without incident and even had time to take in a cricket match, not that I had the faintest idea what was going on.



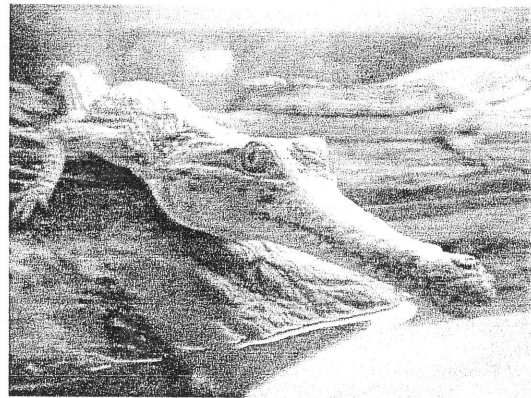
Still in search of wildlife, I was advised to drive to Adelaide and take the ferry to Kangaroo Island. It took quite awhile to find the little ferry terminal, as Australians are not much for road signs which is understandable.



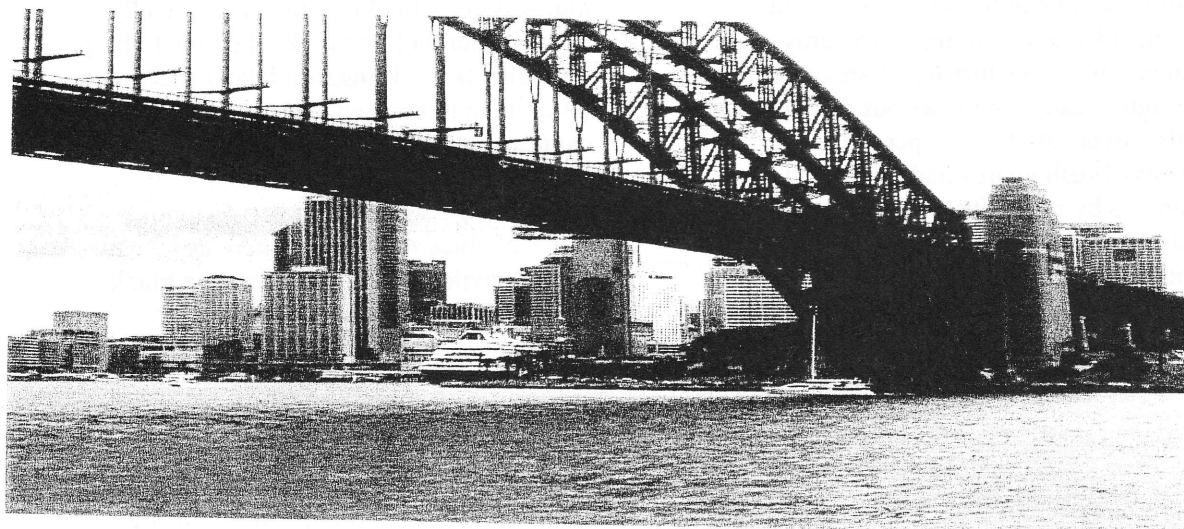
The population is only 17 million in a country the size of the United States with a

proportional amount of tax revenue for highways etc. Luckily, the locals are all friendly and willing to take the time to help with directions. Kangaroo Island was much larger than I expected with very primitive camp grounds compared to New Zealand, but then again they only charged \$5 per night and the wildlife did not disappoint. The wallabies were everywhere and I was even "privileged" to come across a black tiger snake, the most venomous in Australia.

As time was running short I decided to turn in my rental car in Adelaide and hop a cheap flight to Sydney for the final segment of my trip. I was fortunate to discover a boarding house located in a suburb of Sydney which offered a private room including breakfast for only \$30 per night. The facility was called Kriskindl and was actually a former Catholic school



Unfortunately, they still had some of the same rules in place, half of which I managed to break in my week long stay. It was challenging at times dealing with Father John but comical as well. Sydney itself is now one of my favorite cities, boasting a spectacular harbor and of course the famous beaches at Manly, Bondi and Coogee. I did make time to hop a train for a day trip to the Blue Mountains named after the blue haze which results from the natural gas being emitted from the countless gum trees in this area.



On my final day in Sydney I was fortunate to meet one of the crew members from the Global Challenge around the world sailboat race which is currently underway. Her name is Ylva Johansson from Stockholm, Sweden. She was generous enough to give me a complete tour of her 73 foot one design boat which carries a crew of 16

On February 27<sup>th</sup> the 12 boat fleet departed on the toughest leg of the race in gale force winds from Sydney, Australia to Cape Town, South Africa, a distance of 6000 miles. For some reason, Ms. Johansson was totally unimpressed with my description of the harrowing conditions that we routinely encounter rounding F mark on the back straits of Lake Mission Viejo. Reluctantly I decided it was time to head back home to recharge my batteries, pay off my Visa Card and plan my next journey. Somehow I think it is going to include a side trip to South Africa. To be continued..... Robert Van Pelt

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A GLORIOUS DAY FOR SPINNAKERS:LMVYC SPRING INVITATIONAL